

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF KOLKATA AND CHENNAI AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to modernise Kolkata and Chennai airports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) & (c):- Though the modalities of implementation of the modernisation plans have yet to be decided in the interim the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has drawn up plans for construction of a new international departure block with car parking facility etc. at an estimated cost of Rs.225 crores at Kolkata airport. Thereafter, new international arrival block will be constructed. AAI has already initiated actions to extend runways and to develop plans for construction of a new Domestic Terminal Building and 11 additional bays. Construction of an Integrated Cargo Complex is likely to be completed soon.

At Chennai Airport, AAI has already taken up construction to expand and modify International Terminal Block at an estimated cost of Rs.23.47 crores. AAI is also constructing 20 additional parking bays. AAI has further plans for construction of a new domestic terminal building for which State Government of Tamil Nadu has been requested to hand over 583 hectares of land to AAI.